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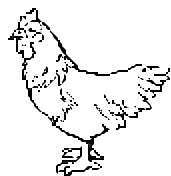
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NATIONAL BROILER MARKET AT-A-GLANCE

Majority prices were unchanged when compared to previous week. Trade sentiment was mixed, but mostly steady to about steady. Retail demand was seasonally light to fair with few features present. Food service was in a full range, but was mostly no better than moderate. Supplies of all sizes were at least adequate for trade needs. In the Midwest, some tightness was reported due to a localized fire last week at a major distribution center. In the parts structure, trading was light and limited to most immediate needs. Wings were ample and frequently discounted, and the remaining items were more than sufficient. In production areas, live supplies were moderate at mixed, but mostly desirable weights.

Final report of prices negotiated for trucklot sales of ready-to-cook broiler/fryers delivered to first receivers at major market areas week of 10/14/02-10/19/02 (cents per lb)

AREAS	US GRADE A		COMPOSITE		
	MAJORITY	(Includes branded product)	LOADS	WTD	LOADS
		AVG			
Bos/New Eng	43.00-47.00	45.21	14	48.34	35
Chicago	40.00-43.00	43.33	40	45.58	76
Cincinnati	TFEWR	—	—	52.53	15
Cleveland	TFEWR	—	—	58.81	9
Denver	67.50	67.50	16	65.89	19
Detroit	42.00	43.50	12	49.94	40
Los Angeles	68.00	65.32	65	61.40	164
New York	44.00-46.00	45.45	22	47.32	45
Philadelphia	44.50-46.00	45.36	11	44.30	22
Pittsburgh	44.00-47.00	45.64	11	52.72	58
St. Louis	43.00	42.68	20	44.45	42
San Francisco	68.50	66.98	30	63.39	89

Composite 12 City Weighted Average

Loads	10/14/02	Change/Last Wk	10/07/02	10/15/01
614	52.70	-0.27	52.97	60.43

WOG BROILERS (without giblets) - prices paid per lb delvd to first receivers in trucklot and less than trucklot quantities.

REGIONS	MAJORITY	WTD AVG	LOADS
East	46.00-49.00	48.10	35
Central	44.00-51.00	51.06	55
West	45.00-51.00	50.53	44

Southeast Area FOB Dock Equivalent

Mississippi	59.00-62.00	62.00	82
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GEORGIA F.O.B. DOCK PRICES Georgia f.o.b. dock quoted price on broilers/fryers for this week's trading is 63.25 cents based on ice-packed USDA grade "A" sized 2 1/2 to 3 pound birds.

LOADS	RANGE	MONDAY FINAL WTD AVG FOB DOCK OR EQUIVALENT
1,150	40.00-67.25	61.87

The Georgia f.o.b. dock confirmed final weighted average prices on ice packed parts:

ITEM	WTD AVG (CENTS PER POUND)	VOLUME (000 POUNDS)
LINE RUN TENDERS	173.50	1,357
BREASTS - B/S	135.00	4,888
BREASTS - WHOLE	68.00	1,175
THIGH MEAT - B/S	60.50	861
LEG QUARTERS	18.50	9,255
WINGS	52.50	3,177

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NORTHEAST REGION BROILER/FRYER Trucklot buying activity was light to fair as dealers attempted to keep floor stocks in close balance with the lackluster demand. Offerings of all sizes were at least adequate for most immediate needs. Movement through retail and distributive channels was sluggish. The market tone was about steady. In the parts complex, breast items were available. Dark meat cuts were fully sufficient. Wings were ample with discounting noted to clear excess.

SOUTHERN REGION BROILER/FRYERS Trade sentiment was steady at best. Demand was light to moderate, best where retail ads and fast food was active. Supplies of all sizes were at least sufficient for trade needs. In the parts structure, wings remained in the longest position with slow movement. All other items were more than adequate to available with limited interest. In production areas, live supplies were moderate at mostly desirable weights.

WESTERN REGION BROILER/FRYERS Majority prices were unchanged from last week's levels. Reported trading for this week's delivery on regular commitments at generally unchanged prices and new negotiations unchanged to higher. Offerings were fully adequate for current needs. Heavy weights remained in the longest position. Buying interest moderate overall. Retailer demand was fairly good overall best where features in progress or planned. Dealers reported moderate weekend carryovers. Trading reported on parts for this week's delivery: leg quarter bulk 18.5-19.5 and generally 20.5 on 4/10s, bone in breast 68-78 and boneless 120-125, boneless leg meat 55-60. The Los Angeles negotiated WOG weighted average was 46.61 up .67 and the volume reported was at 31 loads down 3 percent from last week.

MIDWEST REGION BROILER/FRYER Final majority prices were unchanged from last Monday's final majorities. The market tone was steady. Offers of additional product were available, however buyer interest was limited. Retail demand was light to instances fair and food service demand was in a full range, mostly light to fair. Some Ohio receivers experienced spot tightness due to last week's fire at a major Ohio distribution center. Floor stocks adequate to fully adequate. Weights were in a desirable range. Supplies of wings and boneless skinless breast were fully adequate, balance of parts adequate. Offerings were generally sufficient. The market tone was barely steady on wings and boneless skinless breasts, steady on bone in breasts and dark meat items.

DELMARVA BROILER/FRYERS Movement of ready-to-cook whole birds was light to fair at best. Seller offerings were fully sufficient in handling current trade needs. Live supplies were mostly moderate; weights were light to heavy, mostly desirable to heavier than desired. Processor schedules were moderate to moderately heavy. Less than trucklot asking prices were unchanged at 47 to 61 cents. Trade sentiment was barely steady. In the parts complex, all items remained at least adequate for the light to fair and generally selective buyer interest.

*BROILER/FRYER CURRENT NEGOTIATED PRICES FOR IMMEDIATE DELIVERY INCLUDES MOSTLY MULTIPLE-DROP SHIPMENTS OF BRANDED AND WING TAGGED TO NEW YORK CITY FROM DELMARA.

	BRANDED U.S. GRADE A	
	10/15/02	10/14/02
RANGE	41-69	41-65
WEIGHTED AVERAGE	47.53	48.88
NO. OF BOXES	9,128	9,685

*8 of 8 plants reporting.

NORTHEAST BROILER/FRYER PARTS Trucklot buying activity was light as dealers cautiously assessed the market and were working hand-to-mouth to keep floor stocks in close balance. Offerings of breast items were available, with discounting noted to clear excess product. Dark meat cuts were fully adequate. Wings remained ample. Movement through retail and distributive channels was limited. The market tone was barely steady to weak on wings, and no better than steady to barely steady on the balance.

ICE PACKED BROILER/FRYER PARTS, DELIVERED TO FIRST RECEIVERS IN POOL TRUCKLOT AND TRUCKLOT QUANTITIES, CENTS PER POUND

ITEM	NEGOTIATED	CURRENT TRADING	WTD AVG	VOLUME /LBS
BREAST - B/S	120-125	127.30	361,310	
TENDERLOINS	115-120	123.17	128,390	
BREAST - WITH RIBS	60-61	65.54	206,680	
BREAST - LINE RUN	60	60.95	135,240	
LEGS	31-32	29.94	139,400	
LEG QUARTERS (BULK)	17-18	17.67	540,214	
DRUMSTICKS	25-26	25.87	200,500	
THIGHS	20-21	28.10	72,610	
B/S THIGHS	62-63	63.73	75,080	
WINGS (WHOLE)	46-47	48.10	228,870	
BACKS AND NECKS (STRIPPED)	10-12	12.29	32,160	
LIVERS (5 POUND TUBS)	30-35	32.53	17,590	
GIZZARDS (HEARTS)	55-60	63.70	26,540	

INCLUDES NEW YORK CITY METROPOLITAN AREA, NORTHERN NEW JERSEY, MASSACHUSETTS, CONNECTICUT, RHODE ISLAND, AND PENNSYLVANIA (NORTHEAST OF HARRISBURG).

* TODAY'S NEGOTIATED SALES AS OF 11:30 A.M.

** WEIGHTED AVERAGE PRICE OF ALL GRADES AND BRANDS OF PRODUCT SHIPPED, OR TO BE SHIPPED AS OF 1:30 P.M.

ARKANSAS BROILER/FRYER PARTS F.O.B. DOCK OR EQUIVALENT, ICED-PACKED, PRICES SHOWN ARE DAY OF SHIPMENT (INCLUDES CURRENT AND PRIOR NEGOTIATIONS), TRUCKLOT AND LESS THAN TRUCKLOT VOLUME, CENTS PER POUND.

ITEM	LBS (000)	RANGE	MAJORITY WT.	AVG
BREAST - B/S	1,148	110.00-129.00	112-121	118.48
TENDERLOINS	81	108.00-157.00	-	130.52
BREAST - WITH RIBS	184	53.00-83.00	54	57.57
FRONT HALVES	320	43.00-50.50	-	46.56
LEGS	NO TRADING REPORTED			
LEG QUARTERS (BULK)	1,324	14.00-16.75	15-16	15.42
LEG QUARTERS (4/10)	1,674	17.00-18.25	17	17.14
WINGS (WHOLE)	65	36.00-57.00	-	44.08
DRUMSTICKS	NO TRADING REPORTED			
THIGHS	1,721	16.50-37.00	17-18	17.44

ESTIMATED SLAUGHTER OF BROILER-FRYERS (IN THOUSANDS)

	ESTIMATE	ACTUAL	AVG WTS	ACTUAL	AVG WTS
	10/14	10/12	10/12	10/07	10/05
ALA	3,974	4,054	5.05	4,004	5.04
ARK	5,097	4,734	4.97	5,231	4.97
DELMARVA	2,347	2,396	5.13	2,321	5.10
LA-TENN	2,054	2,042	4.60	2,007	4.63
MISS	2,961	2,987	5.13	2,947	5.20
NC	2,393	2,627	6.01	2,557	6.04
TEXAS	2,437	2,460	4.88	2,453	4.84
TOTAL	21,263	21,300	5.11	21,520	5.12
MON	21,263(A)			21,520(A)	

(A) Weekly cumulative for states listed above.

Broiler-fryer slaughter under federal inspection for 14-Oct 2002 is estimated to be 31,812,000 down 1.49 percent from a week ago and up 1.9 a year ago.

(Last week 32,293,000, last year 31,231,000)

SOUTHERN STATES BROILER/FRYER PARTS F.O.B. DOCK OR EQUIVALENT, ICED-PACKED, PRICES SHOWN ARE DAY OF SHIPMENT (INCLUDES CURRENT AND PRIOR NEGOTIATIONS), TRUCKLOT AND LESS THAN TRUCKLOT VOLUME, CENTS PER POUND.

ITEM	POUNDS (000)	RANGE	MAJORITY	WTD AVG
BREAST - B/S	960	113.00-189.00	124-129	125.02
TENDERLOINS	119	120.00-175.00	-	135.69
BREAST - LINE RUN	73	68.00-75.00	73-74	74.14
FRONT HALVES	TOO FEW TO REPORT			
LEGS	87	19.00-33.00	19-20	20.44
LEG QUARTERS (BULK)	348	15.00-18.00	15-16	15.93
LEG QUARTERS (4/10)	1,288	16.00-20.00	18-19	18.72
WINGS (WHOLE)	281	50.00-54.00	51-52	51.03
WINGS (CUT)	494	57.00-72.00	-	62.48
DRUMSTICKS	TOO FEW TO REPORT			
THIGHS	TOO FEW TO REPORT			
B/S THIGHS	55	52.00-60.00	-	54.91

WHOLE BODY INDEX BASED ON SOUTHERN STATES PARTS

TRADING FOR October 14, 2002 — F.O.B. DOCK.

RANGE	TODAY'S AVERAGE	5-DAY AVERAGE
32.00 - 34.50	32.97	33.00

MIDWEST REGION BROILER/FRYER ICE-PACKED POOL TRUCKLOT AND TRUCKLOT QUANTITIES DELIVERED TO: IL, IN, IA, KS, MI, MN MO, NE, ND, OH, SD, AND WI WEEK OF 14-OCT-2002 TO 18-OCT-2002 CENTS PER POUND

	Price Per Lb.	Mostly
BREAST - B/S	110.00 - 135.00	115.00 - 125.00
BREAST - LINE RUN	61.00 - 90.00	63.00 - 68.00
LEGS	21.00 - 37.00	25.00 - 28.00
LEG QUARTERS (BULK)	15.00 - 22.00	17.00 - 19.00
DRUMSTICKS	20.00 - 35.00	24.00 -
THIGHS	18.00 - 35.00	-
WINGS (WHOLE)	38.00 - 59.00	44.00 - 49.00
BACKS AND NECKS (STRIPPED)	15.00 -	-
LIVERS	25.00 - 40.00	30.00 - 35.00
GIZZARDS (HEARTS)	40.00 - 42.50	-

SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA (L.A. AREA) PROCESSED POULTRY, DELIVERED TO RESTAURANTS AND INSTITUTIONS

	RANGE
WOGS 2# & UP - WHOLE	81
WOGS 2# & UP - CUT UP 8&9 PIECES	84-88
FROZEN HENS 5# & UP	
FROZEN DUCKS	
FROZEN SQUABS	589

DELIVERED TO RETAILERS IN SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA (L.A. AREA)

FRESH FRYERS	90-92
ROASTERS 4# & UP	80-95
HENS UNDER 5#	
HENS OVER 5#	75
DUCKS	
RABBITS-WHOLE	
RABBITS-CUT UP	

SAN FRANCISCO PROCESSED POULTRY

DELIVERED TO RESTAURANTS AND INSTITUTIONS

FRESH FRYERS	ICE PACK	92-95
	DRY PACK	96-103
ROASTERS 4# & UP	ICE PACK	113
	DRY PACK	104
HENS OVER 5#	DRY PACK	
	ICE PACK	92-98
DUCKS		152-166

EASTERN REGION MECHANICALLY SEPARATED CHICKEN

F.O.B. SHIPPER DOCK OR EQUIVALENT, PRICES NEGOTIATED FOR MECHANICALLY SEPARATED CHICKEN IN THE EASTERN REGION IN TRUCKLOT AND LESS THAN TRUCKLOT VOLUMES, CENTS PER POUND, DELIVERY WITHIN TWO WEEKS.

11-OCT-2002				
CHICKEN				
PRICES (Cents per Pound)				
FAT	FROZEN	FRESH	TOTAL	EXPORT
15% OR LESS				
RANGE	-	-	-	-
WTD AVERAGE				

CHICKEN WITH SKIN ADDED PRICES (Cents per Pound) VOLUME

FAT	FROZEN	FRESH	TOTAL	EXPORT
15% OR LESS				
RANGE	13.00-17.00	13.50-14.00	728,000	266,000
WTD AVERAGE	15.93	13.56		
15-20%				
RANGE	12.00-16.50	10.00-13.00	1,562,000	312,000
WTD AVERAGE	15.13	11.67		
20% OR MORE				
RANGE	-	-	-	-
WTD AVERAGE				

* INCLUDES THE STATES of CT, DE, FL, GA, MA, MD, ME, NC, NH, NJ, NY, PA, RI, SC, VA, VT, WV

SOUTH CENTRAL HEAVY LIVE HEN

Prices were generally unchanged from the past week. Demand was moderate for fully adequate offerings of spent heavy hens. Finished sales were moderate and reported as improving. Schedules were normal. Trade sentiment was at least steady.

HEAVY TYPE HENS (7 POUNDS AND UP) *
FINAL PRICE, CENTS PER LB., GENERALLY FOR SLAUGHTER
THE WEEK OF 14-OCT-02

	RANGE CENTS/LB.	MAJORITY	WTD AVG
AT FARM BUYER LOADING	4.25-11.5	8-9	8.84

*WEIGHTS UNDER 7 LBS. SUBJECT TO DISCOUNT.

CENTRAL REGION MECHANICALLY SEPARATED CHICKEN

F.O.B. SHIPPER DOCK OR EQUIVALENT, PRICES NEGOTIATED FOR MECHANICALLY SEPARATED CHICKEN IN THE CENTRAL REGION IN TRUCKLOT AND LESS THAN TRUCKLOT VOLUMES, CENTS PER POUND, DELIVERY WITHIN TWO WEEKS.

11-OCT-2002				
CHICKEN				
PRICES (Cents per Pound)				
FAT	FROZEN	FRESH	TOTAL	EXPORT
15% OR LESS				
RANGE	-	-	-	-
WTD AVERAGE				

CHICKEN, WITH SKIN ADDED PRICES (Cents per Pound) VOLUME

FAT	FROZEN	FRESH	TOTAL	EXPORT
15% OR LESS				
RANGE	16.50	14.00	189,600	108,000
WTD AVERAGE	16.50	14.00		
15-20%				
RANGE	11.00-13.00	9.00-13.00	2,247,600	1,128,000
WTD AVERAGE	11.78	10.80		
20% OR MORE				
RANGE	-	-	-	-
WTD AVERAGE				

* INCLUDES THE STATES of AL, AR, IA, IL, IN, KS, KY, LA, MI, MN, MO, MS, ND, NE, OK, OH, SD, TN, TX, WI

SOUTHEAST HEAVY LIVE HEN Majority prices were unchanged to slightly higher when compared to a week earlier. Demand was generally fair for the at least adequate to fully adequate offerings. Processing schedules were reported as normal. Finished product supplies were about adequate to adequate and well cleared. The undertone was steady. HEAVY TYPE HENS (7 POUNDS AND UP) *FINAL PRICE, CENTS PER LB., GENERALLY FOR SLAUGHTER THE WEEK OF 14-OCT-02.

	RANGE	MAJORITY CENTS/LB.	WTD AVG
AT FARM BUYER LOADING	4-10	8-9	8.43
AT FARM PRODUCER LOADING		TOO FEW TO REPORT	
FOB PLANT		TOO FEW TO REPORT	

*WEIGHTS UNDER 7 LBS. SUBJECT TO DISCOUNT.

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